

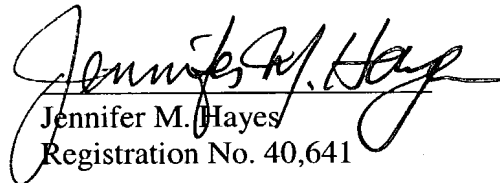
Table 1 on page 3559 of the reference, it is shown that the 1.47 eV bandgap calculated for neutral PPM (Polypyrrolylenemethine) decreases for protonated PPM. The bandgap 0.78 eV calculated for protonated PPM is in very good agreement with optical absorption measurement 0.8 eV. (Page 3557, lines 5-1 from the bottom).

Thus, Applicants request that the attached reference is considered in conjunction with the response filed on June 22, 2004.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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